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Storm strips tree canopy

WINDSTORM

Crews out in force cleaning up across city



**Kevin
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The ferocious windstorm that tore through Edmonton on Wednesday appears to have damaged close to 1,000 trees.
City officials said Thursday they received about 900 notifications of trees or tree parts that were brought down onto roadways, parks and private property.
"It will definitely be quite an undertaking to get everything cleaned up again," said parks and road services spokesperson Kristen Wagner.
Edmontonians posted pictures to social media of toppled signs and smashed patio furniture following winds clocked at close to 100 km/h.
The gusts calmed down Thursday but continued to tear

weakened branches from trees, prompting a steady stream of 311 calls to the city.
The city initially closed all river valley trails, but most were reopened by Thursday afternoon.
However, Juanita Spence, supervisor of river valley parks and facilities, urged trail users to go slow and use caution as crews continue to clear the way — with no firm deadline for completion.
"It's heavy work. When you're on narrow trails and things, it's a lot of muscle work to get that done," Spence said.
Residents left in the dark by wind-related power outages Wednesday were relieved to see the light again after Epcor worked through the night.
About 22,000 people lost power at various times starting around noon Wednesday, according to spokesperson Tim le Riche.
Le Riche said Edmonton has not seen something like Wednesday's storm since 2009.
"This is certainly one of the biggest ones I've seen in the 10 years that I've been here," he said.

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What kids are watching these days

A former University of Alberta researcher has a lot to say on the effect of porn on teens. She will lead a discussion following the screening of a new doc on the subject. **OMAR MOSLEH METRO EDMONTON**

90%

Proportion of boys who'd seen porn online by age 13

75%

Proportion of girls who'd seen porn online by 13

35%

Proportion of boys reporting watching porn online "too many times to count" compared to 8% of girls who reported the same

30%

Proportion of boys who reported watching porn with a group of friends compared with 15% of girls who did

It may be intended for adults over 18, but these days, pornography is frequently viewed by those under 13.

In fact, it's the norm among young people — a study done at the University of Alberta found that by age 13, 90 per cent of boys had viewed pornography online while 75 per cent of girls did.

It's the subject of a Canadian documentary: *Over 18*, which examines modern pornography and its effects on young people. It's screening in Edmonton for the first time at South Pointe Community Centre on May 29 at 7 p.m.

Take the example of 15-year-old Keaton McLaughlin from Ontario. He was with friends at a hockey tournament when a peer showed him his first glimpse of pornography. He was about 12 or 13 years old.

"That exposure was really eye opening and kind of scary to me ... it's really easy to access through your phone," he told Metro.

The documentary examines the impact of porn on relationships, body image, consent, safe sex and more in an age where youth can access porn with a swipe of their smartphone, often for free.

"One theme that emerged from this is that the pornography of today is not the same as the pornography of yesterday," said Michelle Brock, one of the co-directors. "It's online, it's unlimited, you can watch it on your phone and kids are discovering it very young."

Researcher Sonya Thompson is leading a discussion after the film screening. She surveyed 450 Grade 8 children in 2003 as part of her master's thesis at the University of Alberta. In addition to finding that 90 per cent of boys had viewed porn



Joseph Deschambault, shown in a still from 'Over 18'. He now refers to himself as a recovering porn addict. CONTRIBUTED

"We're absolutely ignoring it, at our own peril."

Sonya Thompson

before they turned 13, 35 per cent of surveyed boys said they had watched porn online "too many times to count."

About half reported that their parents had discussed online porn with them.

"If I think of a 13-year-old boy who has seen porn too many times to count but has never been in an actual relationship ... what is his expectation going into a romantic relationship? Thompson said. "And for girls who have not spent much time with it, what's their expectation on their self?"

Brock argues that the porn of today is different than viewing a static image of a nude model in a magazine. For one, violent or "extreme" porn is more common, and the sheer accessibility



Sonya Thompson said the findings "scary and interesting."

KEVIN TUONG/METRO

of it has led teenagers to develop porn addictions.

"Some can't go a full day without pulling out their phone and looking at porn," she said.

It's the case for at least some of McLaughlin's friends.

"It's been introduced to mainly all of my friends and I know they've struggled with this deeply," he said.

He said [ptm] has affected how he views girls, and today he makes a concerted effort to

view girls for who they are rather than what they offer.

Thompson said she's not inherently against porn, but parents need to play a greater role in knowing what their kids are up to. She'd also like to see porn education incorporated into Alberta's school curriculum.

"You're ignoring what is potentially the biggest educator for how to do sex. And we're absolutely ignoring it at our own peril."

5%

Proportion of boys and girls who'd watched porn online with a sibling

50%

Of the sample reported that parents discussed online porn with them

35%

Proportion of boys in Grades 7 through 11 sought out porn at least once a month

14%

Proportion of boys in Grades 7 through 11 who sought out porn daily, according to a Canada-wide study from 2013



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Architect recognized for his talent and for helping others

FELLOWSHIP

Bootwala one of four from Edmonton to be honoured



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An Edmonton architect honoured by the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada is being recognized this week not just for his talent, but his dedication to helping newcomers.

Aziz Bootwala is one of four Edmonton architects, and 37 Canadians, who will be granted fellowships by the institute in Ottawa this week.

Among a long list of architectural accomplishments, Bootwala has been mentoring architects who are new to Canada so they wouldn't face the same struggles he did when he came to North America from India in the 1980s.

"I graduated in the U.S., and when I sought out people within the community to help me, I got a very poor response," Bootwala said.

"That's when I swore to myself, that every opportunity that I would get, I would make sure I would help others so they don't have to go through what I went through."

Bootwala spent 10 years with firms in Los Angeles before moving north to Edmonton,



Aziz Bootwala, who helped design the Federal Building, is getting national recognition. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

after most of his family had migrated here, and he joined architecture firm Kasian in 1994.

One of his proudest accomplishments came in 2005 when he finished turning an old warehouse into Jamatkhana, a place of worship and education for Edmonton's Ismaili community, of which he is a member.

He also spent more than a decade as the principal designer of the South Edmonton Common shopping space — his biggest long-term project in the city — and worked closely with Alberta Infrastructure for two years on the federal building near the Alberta legislature.

Bootwala moved to the Middle East in 2006, where he spent more than four years working with Kasian and Stantec on various large-scale projects, working from offices in Dubai and his hometown Mumbai.

Since returning to Edmonton in late 2013, Bootwala has centred his efforts on health-

care builds with Alberta Health Services, particularly long-term care and seniors homes.

"That's my passion right now and I'm really focusing on that," Bootwala said.

R. Allan Partridge, Carol Belanger and Peter Osborne are the other Edmonton architects being honoured this week.

The advocate is slated to have a budget of about \$800,000 to \$900,000. The newly created position will be reviewed after two years.

DISABILITY ADVOCATE

MLA eyes for 'real change'



Omar Mosleh
Metro | Edmonton

The Alberta Legislature unanimously approved a private members bill to create a disability advocate on Wednesday, a move that Calgary-North West MLA Sandra Jansen hopes will lead to real change in the province.

"There's no point in doing something for window dressing. The person we put in place has to make a real difference in how services are provided in this province," said Jansen, who put forward the bill.

A disability advocate would play a similar role to the province's child advocate, who acts independently, advocates for vulnerable young people and identifies systemic issues that create barriers in accessing services.

Some of the challenges Jansen frequently hears are the difficulty in transferring services when someone turns 18 or 65, she said, or the sheer amount of paperwork required for parents to fill out when seeking support for a disabled child.

"For a lot of parents, they found navigating the system to be fairly difficult ... We can get rid some of the bottlenecks in terms of getting supports out to people with disabilities," she said.

The advocate is slated to have a budget of about \$800,000 to \$900,000. The newly created position will be reviewed after two years.

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MARIJUANA

New Edmonton staffing agency aims to serve weed industry



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Do you want to be a "budtender"? A new Edmonton-based staffing agency might be able to help you.

Cannabis at Work has launched the agency — which its founder says is the first of its kind in Canada — to connect prospective workers and employers in the cannabis industry.

"Organizations need to step up their operations, and we're in a good position with our HR and workplace expertise and our relationships with the industry, to capitalize on that," said Cannabis at Work founder Alison McMahon.

The company, which offers education and strategies for employers relating to cannabis



Alison McMahon, Chair of Women Grow's Edmonton Chapter and Founder/CEO of Cannabis at Work. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

and the workplace, will launch its staffing division at the Lift Cannabis Expo in Toronto this weekend.

McMahon said jobs in the

budding industry are plentiful and growing.

Someone with a horticulture and cultivation background could work on the produc-

tion side as a master grower or trimmer, while corporate service jobs like accounting, IT, marketing and human resources are also needed.

On the front lines, businesses selling recreational marijuana will need salespeople, referred to in the industry as budtenders.

"We have a privatized market around alcohol, so we expect we'll probably see a privatized market around dispensaries."

Alison McMahon

With Aurora Cannabis building an 800,000-square-foot production facility on the Edmonton International Airport land, McMahon said Alberta is poised to be a leader in the field.

"We have a privatized market around alcohol, so we expect we'll probably see a privatized market around dispensaries. And I think we'll see a lot of economic benefit in the province around that as well," she said.

McMahon said Canada can expect tens of thousands of new jobs in the next two years or so as the industry prepares for the legalization of recreational marijuana promised nationwide in July 2018.

"California has about the same population as Canada and they only have a medical market — they've approved recreational but they haven't actually implemented it yet — and they have close to 50,000 jobs just in their medical market right now," she said.

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Mayor talks centre mergers

CITY HALL

Northlands, Shaw should be working together: Iveson



Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton's two competing convention centres should merge under one manager, says Mayor Don Iveson, as Northlands continues to struggle with paying its bills to the city.

"Northlands needs to go through a major adjustment to be viable in the future," Iveson told reporters Wednesday, following his state of the city address.

While merging both conferences would require council approval at a later time, Iveson argued unification would make economic sense.

The two convention centres, the Northlands Expo Centre and the Shaw Conference Centre, are run by city-funded agencies and have competed against one another to host the same event. When that happens, opportu-



Mayor Don Iveson speaks at the annual state of the city address at the Shaw Conference Centre Wednesday. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

ities get missed because both centres aren't strategically working together to maximize business in Edmonton, the mayor argued.

All the while, both centres have expanded at the expense of taxpayers. Northlands, in particular, owes Edmonton debt pay-

ments on a \$47-million loan they took out to grow the centre. Time and time again, the organization has asked for those payments to be deferred.

Iveson said the merge would stop the dueling.

"We can go hunt as a pack

for trade shows or international events," he said, "fill our convention space and create jobs in the hospitality, and get these conference centres performing better."

In an emailed statement, Northlands said it continues to work with Edmonton to build a

“Northlands needs to go through a major adjustment.”
Mayor Don Iveson

"sustainable and viable" future for the organization.

"For now, it is business as usual and we will continue to meet with city administration on a path forward that will benefit our neighbours and the city as a whole," the statement read.

However, Northlands has until the end of June to outline its business plan to be sustainable. Iveson expects a resolution on the potential merger to happen by then.

He said he could see the city possibly creating a tourism and convention authority to manage both centres. The Edmonton Economic Development Corporation, which runs the Shaw, could also take over that role.

"I support Northlands and want them to make that transition so they can really go back to their roots, like agriculture and ag-events like K-Days and Farmfair," he said.

ACCIDENT

Four killed as trucks collide

Four men are dead and a fifth man is in hospital after two pickup trucks collided head-on in east-central Alberta.

RCMP at Elk Point say the crash happened early Wednesday evening on Highway 29 as a westbound Ford was passing another vehicle and collided with an eastbound Dodge.

A 64-year-old man from St. Paul, who was the sole occupant of the Dodge, died at the scene.

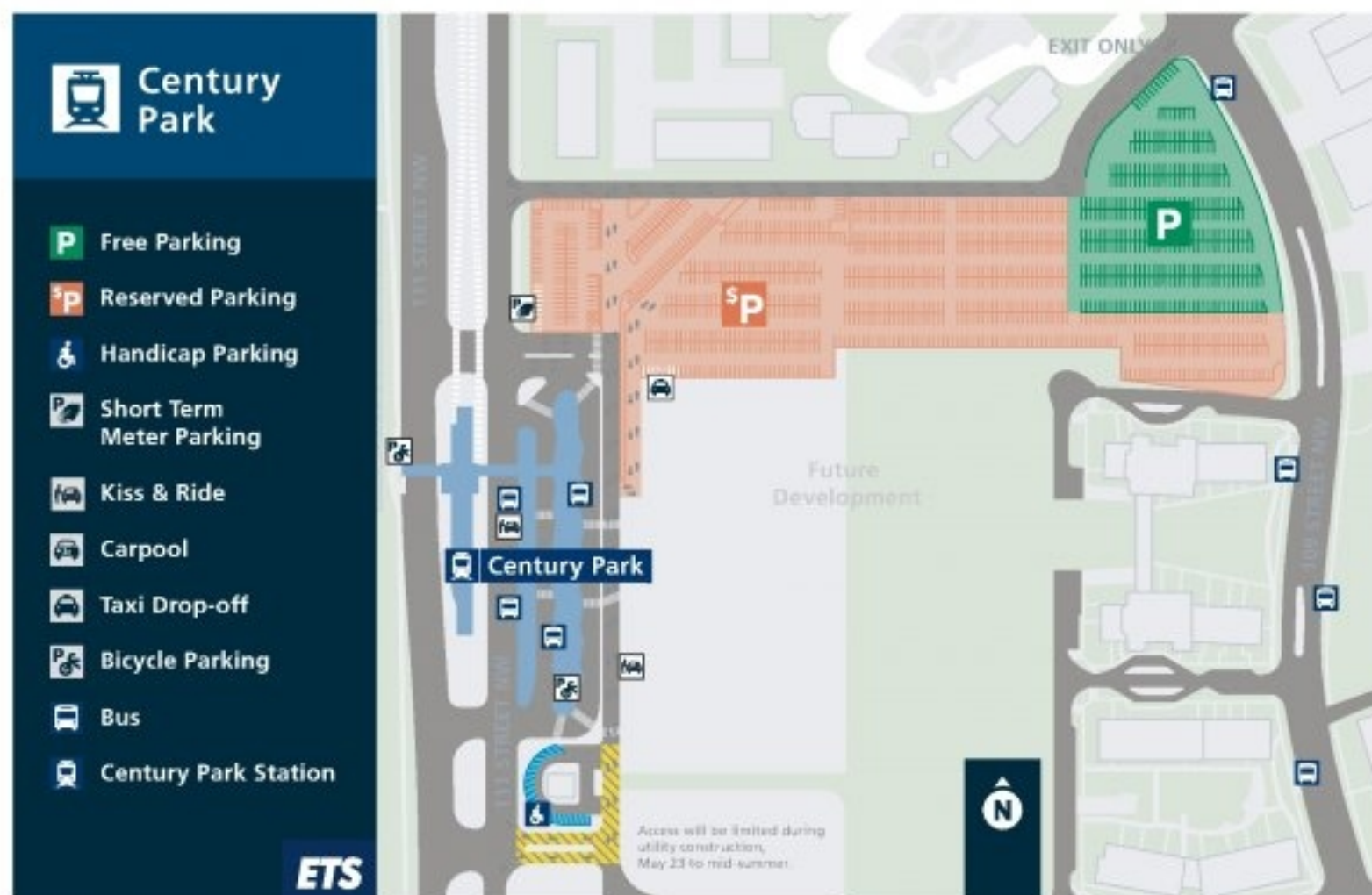
A 42-year-old Cold Lake man who was driving the Ford, along with two men from Elk Point who were passengers, were also killed.

A 39-year-old man who was also a passenger in the Ford was taken to Edmonton for treatment of unknown injuries.

There was rain and a strong wind at the time, but police say weather was not a factor in the collision.

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LABOUR NEGOTIATIONS

No raises, but a cap on instructional hours



Omar Mosleh
Metro | Edmonton

Alberta teachers have ratified a two-year agreement with the province, with no pay raises for teachers but additional funds to help classrooms.

Alberta Teachers' Association President Mark Ramsankar praised the inclusion of a cap on teacher instructional hours.

"If there was not going to be money put on the table, the number one issue that needed to be addressed was workload for teachers," he said.

"This was a huge step ...

there were places in our province where boards wouldn't even consider talking about language along these lines," he added.

There are no salary increases as part of the deal. But there's a provision that if other large public-sector unions negotiate a raise, teachers get one too.

One of the most significant items is a \$75-million Class Improvement Fund. Different boards would receive different pots of money depending on the number of students they serve.

The money is to alleviate pressure in the classroom, so it can be used to hire aides, teachers, other resources, or training such as professional development.

"What they will do is look at proposals directly from schools ... We're hoping that districts, in order to get this money to improve their classrooms, will work directly and honestly with their locals to put that money into classrooms," Ramsankar said.

FORT McMURRAY

Another man who lost home wins the lotto

Another Albertan who lost a home in Fort McMurray has had a change of luck, winning a luxury condo and an Italian sports car in an Edmonton hospital fundraising lottery.

Michael Marchand was shopping for flowers when a representative from the Full House Lottery phoned on Wednesday to tell him he'd won the early-bird draw.

The condo has a view of Rogers Place arena, and the car is

a Maserati GranTurismo MC.

A video of Marchand being told he had won was posted on the lottery's Facebook page.

After exclaiming disbelief that the call was actually real, Marchand said that he'd lost his home last year in Fort McMurray.

Chris Flett, who lost his home in the Fort McMurray wildfire in May 2016, also came up a winner late last year, taking home more than \$400,000

in a Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation lottery.

The Full House Lottery supports the Royal Alexandra and University Hospital organizations in Edmonton.

"This is real, right?" Marchand can be heard saying over a speaker phone. "You know, I lost my home in Fort McMurray, so this is amazing."

The revelation clearly surprised the hospital foundation representative.

"Oh my goodness," she replied.

The car and condo are worth \$656,873.

The fire, nicknamed "the beast," began burning deep in the bush about May 1 and spread into the northern Alberta city on May 3, forcing 88,000 people from their homes for a month or more.

In all, almost 2,600 dwellings were destroyed.

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Create new ridings: Report

POLITICS

Commission calls for new seats in Calgary, Edmonton

A new report says Calgary and Edmonton should each get an additional seat in the legislature and some rural ridings should be folded together.

The Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission made the recommendation in an interim report released Thursday.

The commission chaired by Justice Myra Bielby of the Alberta Court of Appeal is working to update the province's political map for the 2019 election.

The report says the province should continue to have 87 constituencies, but some need to be changed to reflect a growing population in some urban areas.

"In the last eight years Alberta has seen a huge increase in population," Bielby said. "More than 600,000 people moved into our province ... but those 600,000 people didn't move equally into each of the

87 constituencies."

The report also recommends creating a new riding north of Calgary to account for growth in Airdrie and Cochrane.

To deal with the urban increase, the commission is calling for four ridings to be consolidated into three in the central northeast that would affect Fort McMurray-Conklin, Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater,



Alberta has seen a huge increase in population.

Myra Bielby

Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville and Bonnyville-Cold Lake.

Five ridings — Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, West Yellowhead, Drayton Valley-Devon, Whitecourt-St. Anne and Stony Plain — would be rolled into four north and west of Edmonton.

Seven electoral divisions would be consolidated into six along the east side of the province. This would involve Battle River-Wainwright, Drumheller-

Stettler, Strathmore-Brooks, Little Bow, Cardston-Taber-Warner, Cypress-Medicine Hat and Vermilion-Lloydminster.

Currently the governing NDP is strongest in Edmonton and Calgary and the Opposition Wildrose has much of its power base in rural areas.

Wildrose critic Nathan Cooper said the party has serious concerns and does not support the report's recommendations.

He said the commission is paying too much attention to population and not enough on effective representation.

"In order for members of the legislature to be responsive to their constituents there must be an acknowledgment of the geographical constraints of our province, and not simply lump together communities for the sake of making population requirements add up," Cooper said.

The report recommends the new ridings be called Calgary North East, Edmonton South and Airdrie-Cochrane.

The commission said its recommendations in the interim report are still subject to feedback from the public.

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The Alberta Legislature: A commission report is calling for the electoral boundaries map to be redrawn ahead of the 2019 provincial election. METRO FILE

HIT AND RUN

Man turns himself in to police



Omar Mosleh
Metro | Edmonton

A man charged with second-degree murder in connection to a hit and run that left an 18-year-old man dead has turned himself in, according to Edmonton police.

Police said Thursday that Justin Handbury, 31, turned himself into the Strathcona County RCMP detachment around 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

A May 24 autopsy found the victim's cause of death was of blunt craniocervical spine trauma. Police said the incident is being treated as a homicide, adding the accused and victim were known to one another.

Handbury is charged with second-degree murder, attempt to commit murder, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, possession of stolen property over \$5,000, failing to stop at the scene of an accident and breach of recognition.

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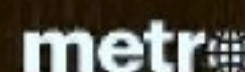
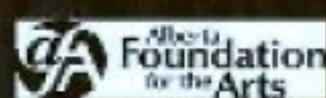
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Improve health care: Auditor general

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Disjointed system to blame for high costs, Saher says

Alberta's auditor general is calling for immediate action to improve a health-care system he says is still falling short despite years of recommendations on how to make it better.

Merwan Saher says too many roadblocks continue to prevent the government and health providers from working together to give people the best quality of care possible.

"Significantly better health care is within reach, and putting more money into the system is not the answer," Saher wrote in a report tabled in the legislature Thursday.

"Integrated health care is the framework used by the highest-performing health systems in the world, but we need to overcome some key barriers that have prevented successive governments from establishing this kind of system."

The provincial government forecasts that it will spend



Alberta auditor general Merwan Saher wants immediate action and co-ordination in health care. THE CANADIAN PRESS

\$21.4 billion on health care this year — almost 40 per cent of its entire budget. Saher says the system is too fragmented, physicians and other care providers don't work together enough and clinical information isn't

shared efficiently.

He says health care needs to shift its focus to the long-term needs of patients and away from bureaucracy, the negotiating efforts of health providers or four-year elec-

tion cycles.

People should have access to more information about their own health and treatment options and should be able to communicate with their care team, Saher says. And the

government, Alberta Health Services and physicians should work more closely together.

"Alberta's public health care does not operate as one system," he says.

"It is like an orchestra with-

out a conductor — a collection of independently acting providers and professional groups that offer treatment through a series of isolated episodes."

The report says members of the legislature, including cabinet ministers, should not make specific demands of the health system or intervene in matters that are the responsibility of health managers.

Physicians should have a greater role in managing the quality of care, it says, but should work with other health providers and be offered incentives to achieve improved results.

Better integration of services could help family physicians prevent higher-cost visits to emergency rooms and reduce hospital admissions, Saher says.

The report's findings are based on a review the auditor general began in 2015 into why so many recommendations made by his office on how to improve health care have not been acted on over many years.

Saher says change is necessary, overdue and achievable.

"Albertans are paying for the best," he says.

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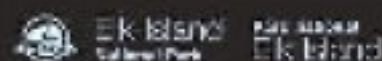
It feels like summer in Edmonton, and whether you want to pet a horse, look at a butterfly or go back in time, there are lots of ways to celebrate this weekend. Here are our five picks. **ALEX BOYD** METRO



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1 Medieval May (Saturday)

Spend an afternoon in the 14th century with period dancing, a weapons demonstration and medieval market. This is the seventh time the Knights of the Northern Realm have hosted the event, and all-ages are welcome. Tickets are \$5. Happening at the King Edward Community Centre from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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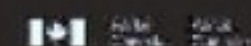
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2 Butterfly Day (Sunday)

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4 Horse Showcase (Sunday)

The Strathcona All-breed horse Association wants to give kids a taste of the horse world, with chances to try out hands-on activities like grooming, tacking up and stick horse making. It's a free event happening from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Fultonvale Outdoor Arena in Sherwood Park.

5 Hip Hop
in the Park
(All weekend)

Ten years ago a group of hip-hop fans decided to throw a block party. A decade later the annual event is going strong and more popular than ever. Free events are on all weekend at the Boyle Street Plaza; visit hiphopinthepark.ca for details.



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3 Retro
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(Saturday)

Saturday night's alright for dining, dancing and a shot of nostalgia. The first Retro Cabaret at the Radisson Hotel wants to take you back to when the hotel was known as the Highway Motor Inn and hosted popular cabarets. This time around the live music is provided by the Big Fun band, and the usual \$10 cover is being waived for the first event. Call the hotel for free tickets.



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Recent windstorm no big deal

WEATHER

Expert says speeds actually decreased in the last 65 years



Jennifer Friesen
For Metro | Calgary

Following a windstorm that whipped through Alberta, taking down trees and power lines, one expert says that the storm wasn't exactly extraordinary.

According to Dr. David Wood, chair of Renewable Energy at the Schulich School of Engineering, data collected at the Calgary International Airport shows a slight decrease in average wind speeds over the past 65 years.

"I think that humans are very bad at judging average events," he chuckled. "We all complain when it rains and say, 'Boy it's been a wet summer,' but often

that just means that it happened to rain on the days that you didn't want it to."

However, he adds that the province has seen "unusually strong winds" over the past few days. In a 5 a.m. weather summary posted by Environment Canada on Thursday, wind gusts in Calgary peaked at 89 kilometres per hour, while Edmonton was hit with gusts at 96 km/h and Keoma felt it the worst in the province with gusts at 117 km/h.

Wood has been collecting data on wind speeds with an anemometer mast at Spy Hill in Calgary since 2011. He said the six-year timeline is too narrow to get an accurate understanding of extreme events, but to-date they've only measured about half of what is deemed to be "extreme" wind gusts (130 km/h).

"We're more likely to see events like over the last couple of days because of climate change," said Wood. "It's not just the 'average conditions' that will be affected by climate change, but the volatility of the weather."

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I think that humans are very bad at judging average events.

Dr. David Wood



Crews work on fixing a utility pole at the intersection of Ogden Road and Blackfoot Trail after high winds knocked it down and into traffic. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

CRIME

Prison for woman who sent porn pics of young son

An Alberta woman has been sentenced to 3-1/2 years in prison for sending pornographic photos of her four-year-old son to a man in Idaho.

The 44-year-old woman, who can't be named to protect the identity of her son, pleaded guilty in April to sexual assault, making child pornography and distributing child pornography.

An investigation started in May 2016 after police in Idaho notified the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team's Internet child exploitation unit about some material seized in a separate investigation.

Investigators say explicit photos of the boy were emailed to a man in Idaho and they believe he was arranging to visit Red Deer at some point.

The Idaho man is currently serving an 18-year prison sentence. The woman was arrested June 1, 2016 at a day-care facility in Red Deer where she worked.

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Wright breached rules: Watchdog

POLITICS

Harper's top aide was in ethical wrong, report says

Stephen Harper's former top aide, Nigel Wright, was never charged with a criminal offence but his efforts to repay \$90,000 for Mike Duffy's Senate expenses were a breach of federal conflict rules, according to a new report.

More than a year after an Ontario criminal court acquitted Duffy in the Senate expenses affair, and four years after the federal Ethics and Conflict of Interest Commissioner began and suspended her investigation, Mary Dawson finally reported Thursday on Wright's role.

She fingered Harper's former chief of staff for ethical blame on two fronts — when he pressed the Conservative party to repay Duffy's bill, and when he decided to do so himself.

Dawson concluded Wright broke the rules for public office holders that prohibited him from making decisions that would further another person's private interests — Duffy's — and barred him from influencing the decisions of anyone else, such as the Conservative party's chief bagman Irving Gerstein, to further Duffy's interests.

There is no penalty for violating those two sections of the act.



Nigel Wright, former Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, leaves the courthouse after his testimony at the trial of former Conservative Senator Mike Duffy on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015.

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"The only sanction is the negative publicity resulting from the release of the examination report," her office said.

Dawson's report is a politically difficult one for the Conservative party as it struggles to move on from the Harper era, and a personally difficult one for Wright, now a London-based financier.

"My intention throughout was to ensure that the taxpayer

was repaid for Sen. Duffy's expenses. I have always believed, and still believe, that my effort to get those funds repaid was in the public interest. We'll take the time to review and understand the report," said Wright in a statement issued Thursday by his lawyers.

Wright was never charged for making a payment to Duffy, though Duffy was charged and acquitted of accepting a bribe.

Dawson noted he was investigated by the RCMP for a possible violation of the Parliament of Canada Act. In the end, Wright was a witness for the Crown at Duffy's criminal fraud trial. Dawson made clear she viewed the payment as wrong.

"The transfer of money by Mr. Wright to Senator Duffy, with express conditions attached and over Senator Duffy's persistent objections, was serious enough

to raise the question of charges being laid against Mr. Wright for giving compensation as prohibited under subsection 16(3) the Parliament of Canada Act. Although the issue of illegality was not pursued, I would consider such an act to be undoubtedly improper."

New Democrat MP Charlie Angus, a leadership candidate and the former ethics critic, said the report shows "how cynical" the efforts of Wright and the Harper PMO were. He said the RCMP still owes Canadians a clear explanation for why it never charged Wright under the never-used provision of the Parliament Act.

Angus said the fact Dawson had to suspend her investigation for so long while the RCMP and the Crown conducted an ultimately fruitless prosecution "is really problematic for the Canadian political system."

Mike Duffy declined to comment but his lawyer, Don Bayne, said Thursday he disagreed with a key premise of Dawson's findings, that Wright acted to further Duffy's private interests. "That wasn't remotely the case," said Bayne.

He pointed to the ruling of Justice Charles Vaillancourt in acquitting Duffy last April saying it was "crass political manoeuvring" that drove Wright.

Dawson, however, concluded Wright's payment let Duffy off the hook from having to repay expenses out of his own pocket.

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DIGEST

BRUSSELS

Trudeau talks intel sharing

Canada's deeply entrenched role in the fight against global extremism is more focused these days on intelligence-gathering — and sharing — than on putting more boots on the ground in the Middle East, Justin Trudeau said Thursday.

"The track record has shown that collaboration and co-operation between allies, friends and partners has saved lives and keeps all of our citizens safe," Trudeau said at the outset of a day-long NATO meeting in Brussels. It was in this way that Trudeau brushed aside concerns that NATO's agreement to increase intelligence-sharing in the fight against terrorism comes amid accusations that President Donald Trump and others in the U.S. are playing fast and loose with sensitive secrets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montenegro defies Russia to join NATO

NATO will for the first time after eight years by welcoming Montenegro into the alliance. The Balkan nation is attending the NATO summit in Brussels practically as a member, although the entry process will be wrapped in June. To get there, Montenegro stood against Russia, which has sought to maintain strong influence in the country. Russia has threatened retaliation. A+

Big city mayors call for action on national opioid crisis



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Canada's big city mayors want tangible action taken in the country's fight against the opioid epidemic, and they want the federal government to take the lead.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Rob-

ertson said the country needs a clear roadmap for fighting the crisis that includes targets for reducing overdoses and fatalities and regular reporting on relevant statistics.

"We want to make sure the federal government pulls together an action table that treats this like a national emergency," said

Robertson.

He said all levels of government can help with the crisis, but the federal government needs to be at the table ensuring the work gets done.

Robertson led a task force of mayors from across the country, including Ottawa's.

In addition to some of the

measures the government has already brought in, the mayors are calling for more opioid substitution programs and better data on the crisis.

Robertson said that while British Columbia — where the crisis has been most pronounced — is tracking numbers, not all parts of the country are the same.

Ontario released new data on opioid fatalities this week, but the most recent data is almost a year behind.

The federal government has taken some of the steps the mayors called for, including most recently passing legislation that reduces the wait time for approval of a supervised-consumption site.

Health Minister Jane Philpott's press secretary Andrew MacKendrick said the minister is prepared to do more.

"We are in a national public health crisis in Canada. Minister Philpott is committed to using every lever at her disposal to combat this crisis."

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Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, right, speaks to Millie Robson, 15, and her mother, Marie, as she visits the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital to meet victims of the terror attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATTACK

Bomber said to have pleaded 'forgive me'

The alleged culprit in a deadly concert bombing was driven by what he saw as unjust treatment of Arabs in Britain, a relative said Thursday, confirming he made a final phone call in which he pleaded: "Forgive me."

Salman Abedi was particularly upset by the killing last year of a Muslim friend whose death he believed went unnoticed by "infidels" in the U.K., said the relative, speaking on condition of anonymity over concerns for her own security.

"Why was there no outrage for the killing of an Arab and a Muslim in such a cruel way?" she asked. "Rage was the main reason," for the blast that killed 22 at the end of an Ariana Grande concert at Manchester Arena on Monday, she said, speaking by telephone from Libya.

The new insight into Abedi's motivation came as Britons faced stepped-up security, authorities pushed forward with raids and the investigation extended across Europe into Libya, where most of the suspected bomber's family lived.

The number of arrests in the U.K. ticked up to eight as British Transport Police said armed officers would begin patrols on some trains because of an increased threat of terrorism. Manchester police halted their sharing of investigative information with the U.S. through most of Thursday until receiving fresh assurance there would be an end to leaks to the media.

British Prime Minister Theresa May, who spoke about the matter with U.S. President Donald Trump at a NATO summit in Brussels, said the countries' partnership on defence and security was built on trust. But "part of that trust is knowing that intelligence can be shared confidently," she said.

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BRITAIN

Teens recovering from shrapnel wounds chat with monarch

Queen Elizabeth II met Thursday with children injured in the Manchester concert bombing, consoling them and pronouncing the attack at an event attended by so many young people "wicked."

The 91-year-old monarch visited Evie Mills, 14, Millie Robson, 15, and other youngsters recovering from severe shrapnel wounds at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

"It's dreadful. Very wicked, to target that sort of thing," the Queen told Evie and her parents.

Millie, wearing an Ariana Grande T-shirt, told the Queen she had won VIP tickets to the pop star's Monday night concert at Manchester Arena and had been injured in the bombing attack after the end of the show. The teenager said she felt fortunate to have survived.

"I have a few, like, holes in my legs and stuff, and I have a bit of a cut, and my arm and just a bit here, but compared to other people I'm quite lucky really," she said.

The Queen broke her normal custom of wearing a matching outfit by visiting the children in a blue coat

arm and just a bit here, but compared to other people I'm quite lucky really. Millie Robson

topped with a jaunty orange hat — as if to try to lighten the gloom.

Elizabeth told Millie she thought Ariana Grande was a "very good singer," adding, "She sounds very, very good."

Millie was one of 12 children under the age of 16 taken to Royal Manchester Children's Hospital by ambulance after the blast that killed 22 people and the suspected bomber.

She said she was walking toward the exit to meet her father when the bomb went

off. She remembers the explosion, an intense ringing in her ears, and people screaming. Millie didn't know it right away, but she was bleeding badly from her legs.

"My dad ran over to me and picked me up and then like, we tied jumpers (sweaters) and stuff around the main wounds in my leg," she recalled Thursday. "He just picked me and we ran outside and then a lot of paramedics outside and strangers were just helping us, really."

It was a parent's nightmare. Her father, David Robson, said he was with his partner waiting for Millie when the explosion happened.

"It was surreal, it was just quiet," Robson said. "And I saw Millie, at the bottom of the stairs, I just ran down, picked her up."

He was running from the scene when he noticed her bleeding legs. They used a sweater and a shirt to try to staunch the flow and keep her alive.

Emergency teams eventually helped treat Millie and got her to the hospital. She was well enough Thursday to enjoy the Queen's visit.

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Soldiers firing at enemy positions while they try to clear the city of armed militants one street at a time on May 25, 2017 in Marawi city, southern Philippines. Gun battles between Daesh-linked militants and Filipino troops erupted in Marawi city on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Fighting intensifies in Philippine city

MARAWI

44 have died in the fighting and thousands are fleeing

Backed by tanks and rocket-firing helicopters, Philippine troops launched "precision attacks" Thursday to clear extremists linked to Daesh from a city that has been under siege since a raid that failed to capture one of Asia's most-wanted militants.

Rebels have torn through the streets of Marawi since Tuesday night, torching buildings, taking a priest and his worshippers hostage and sealing off much of the city. The violence forced

thousands to flee and raised fears of growing extremism in the country.

At least 44 people have died in the fighting, including 31 militants and 11 soldiers, officials said. President Rodrigo Duterte said a local police chief was stopped at a militant checkpoint and beheaded, and another policeman was also reportedly killed.

"At night we can hear the gunfire," said Mohammad Usman, who watched from his home just outside Marawi as thousands of residents streamed out of the city.

Duterte imposed 60 days of martial law Tuesday on the island of Mindanao, which encompasses the southern third of the nation and is home to

22 million people. Marawi has a population of around 200,000.

Duterte warned he may expand martial law nationwide, an unnerving development for many in the Philippines who lived through the rule of Ferdinand Marcos. Marcos declared martial law in 1972 and used it to maintain his grip on power for more than a decade.

The man at the centre of the Marawi violence is Isnilon Hapilon, an Arabic-speaking Islamic preacher known for his expertise in commando assaults. He is at the nexus of several militant groups that are trying to merge into a more powerful force.

All these groups are inspired by Daesh, but so far there is no sign of significant, material ties.

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Court deals blow to travel ban

President Donald Trump's revised travel ban "speaks with vague words of national security, but in context drips with religious intolerance, animus and discrimination," a federal appeals court said Thursday in ruling against the ban that targets six Muslim-majority countries.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court rul-

ing that blocks the Republican administration from temporarily suspending new visas for people from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

The Richmond, Virginia-based 4th Circuit is the first appeals court to rule on the revised travel ban, which Trump's administration had hoped would avoid the legal problems that the first ver-

sion encountered.

In all, 10 of the 13 judges who heard the case voted against the Trump administration.

The Supreme Court would almost certainly step into the case if asked. The justices almost always have the final say when a lower court strikes down a federal law or presidential action.

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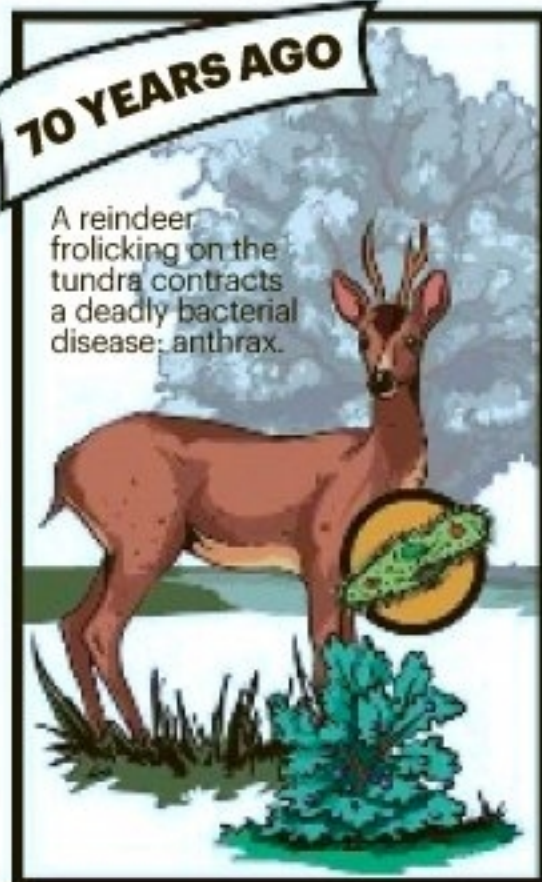
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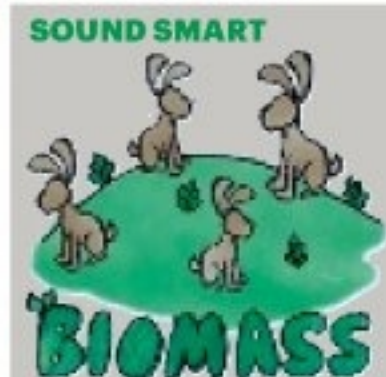
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War Machine an 'emotional journey'

INTERVIEW

Topher Grace talks his latest project, made for Netflix

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



Topher Grace doesn't need me to put words in his mouth, but in this one instance I'm going to.

I recently sat down with the former *That '70s Show* star to talk about his new Netflix movie, *War Machine*. Based on the Michael Hastings New York Times bestseller *The Operators*, it fictionalizes the real-life career implosion of General Stanley McChrystal, Commander, U.S. Forces Afghanistan. An article in *Rolling Stone* that reported on the McChrystal's disappointment with Obama and his policies undid the General's distinguished career. In the film, he is renamed Gen. Glen McMahon and played by Brad Pitt, who also produced the film.

"What I love so much about the film [director and writer David Michôd] made," said Grace, "and it was in the script but I really felt it when I saw the film, is the emotional journey. That is so hard to get into a war movie. Anyone who is willing to watch it understands it on an emotional level, which is a much more effective way to

communicate to the audience than just using facts."

Here's where I chime in. "I think that when you have a very specific story it can become universal because of the emotions," I said. "None of us will find ourselves in that particular situation but all of us, at some time in our lives, will end up in a mess of some kind. It's relatable."

"That's what I meant to say," said Grace with a laugh. "Can you quote yourself and use that?"

Consider it done.

Grace plays Matt Little, McMahon's civilian press adviser. He's young, brash, and, accord-



I want people to check their politics at the door.

Topher Grace

ing to Grace, not the sharpest knife in the drawer.

"What is the definition of an idiot?" he asks. "Is it knowing you don't know but still going ahead anyway? I don't think it is, but that's who he is."

"On the first day, I popped my collar up and the military advisor said, 'They don't do that in the military.' The director said, 'No, no, no! He's playing an idiot. He would totally have his collar popped up.' He's a civilian and he doesn't even really care about the war going on."

The 38-year-old actor says despite the story's timely nature



Topher Grace stars as a fictionalised version of former U.S. General Stanley McChrystal in *War Machine*, a movie he says is far more than a standard war film. TORSTAR

and the inclusion of a character based on recently disgraced National Security Advisor Mike Flynn, the film isn't political.

"I want people to check their politics at the door and take the emotional ride of what it would feel like to be in that position."

"The really cool thing is that it is not an American telling the story. David is a great talent out of Australia and no matter what, he brings a non-American POV. The fact that it can be that heightened in terms of humour at some points and so real when

they are out on the battlefield is really great. He told me he wanted to make a war film before Brad's company sent him the book but he couldn't think of a way to do a war film that didn't glorify war. This does not glorify war."

It may not be political but Grace says it is timely.

"We made it in Obama's America," he explained. "It's crazy releasing it now. It is timelier than when we shot it. I haven't been on a lot of projects that were like that."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) and company are back for *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales*. CONTRIBUTED

Pirates must walk the plank: reviews

FILM

Pirates 5 seems desperate, looks destined to sink at box office

Captain Jack Sparrow might be a household name, but despite

the cultural clout, the *Pirates of the Caribbean* franchise has gone adrift.

In some ways, it's been a series of diminishing returns, and they're not done yet. As the fifth film, *Dead Men Tell No Tales*, prepares to set sail Friday, it's already facing a few hurdles, including a changed blockbuster landscape, a star with a diminished profile and a six-year gap between installments.

In 2003 *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* washed ashore like a revelation — Walt Disney Studios had made a good movie based on a theme park ride, and created an iconic (and money-making) character for Johnny Depp in the process. Fourteen years later things look quite different.

The films, which have earned \$3.7 billion globally, got progressively worse in quality, and, after the second, *Dead Man's Chest*, began to fall off in domestic box office returns too (worldwide earnings inched past \$1 billion for the fourth, *On Stranger Tides*, however).

Disney has also become a different kind of studio, with their pricey but profitable acquisitions of Marvel Studios and Lucasfilm, in addition to their recent successes transforming their animated classics into live-action blockbusters.

And yet, *Pirates of the Caribbean* soldiers on, and *Dead Men Tell No Tales* has some tricks up its sleeve. With fresh directors at the helm in Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg, the filmmakers have made a good effort to return to the spirit of the first film with a new, young cast in Brenton Thwaites and Kaya Scodelario, a return of both Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley and an Oscar-winning villain in Javier Bardem.

"The actors have worked

with Disney and Jerry for many years to make this movie happen. One of the things they were worried about was to bring real characters," said Bardem. "I think they brought a different heart to it."

While early buzz was good for *Dead Men Tell No Tales*, critics have been less kind in their full reviews. The Associated Press' Mark Kennedy called it a "weary, battered fifth chapter" that "lurches into theatres this summer high on CGI tricks but with a hopelessly muddled plot and recurring characters basically running on fumes."

"After this fifth episode, you'll wish Disney would just declare the franchise dead and tell no more tales," Kennedy wrote.

Depp, too, following a string of flops and missteps, has been scrutinized for recent messy personal issues, including his divorce from actress Amber Heard.

In January, on the same day the pair finalized their divorce, Depp sued his former business managers seeking more than \$25 million accusing them of grossly mismanaging his finances.

Depp's ex-managers have vehemently denied the actor's allegations, saying they tried to warn the actor that his spending on lavish properties, vintage vehicles and other items was to blame. They contend Depp's lifestyle cost more than \$2 million a month to maintain. Whether or not the franchise will go on remains to be seen. Much of it likely depends on Depp.

Despite all this, tracking suggests that *Pirates 5* could bring in around \$80 million in box office. Ultimately the fate of the franchise, and Depp's box office power, is in the hands of the ticket buyers.

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MUSIC

Simple Plan bassist skips European tour

Simple Plan bassist David Desrosiers says he's taking a temporary leave from the pop-punk band as he fights depression.

The musician posted a message to fans on his Instagram account on Thursday outlining his decision to bow out from the European leg of the band's tour.

Desrosiers says he's long struggled with depression in private, which has forced him to step aside from the Montreal-based act in the past.

"The time has come to explain why there are times when I cannot be with my bandmates playing shows for you," he wrote.

"At the moment, I am fighting a major depression that prevents me from enjoying life and doing the things I love such as playing music."

Members of the band issued their own note on Facebook supporting Desrosiers's decision.

The European tour starts on Sunday in Berlin and runs through late June.

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REPRESENTATION

Nicole Kidman's calling for more women directors

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Nicole Kidman, the most visible actress at the 2017 Cannes Film Festival, made an impassioned pitch Wednesday for more female directors of movies and TV shows as she criticized the slow pace of change in male-dominated Hollywood.

Speaking at a morning press conference following the world premiere of Sofia Coppola's

The Beguiled, a star-studded remake of a 1971 Southern Gothic drama steeped in male vs. female tensions, Kidman rattled off statistics showing how rare a film like this is.

Just 4.2 per cent of the major motion pictures of 2016 were directed by women, she said, and in the same year only 183 of the more than 4,000 episodes of TV were female-headed. The situation isn't much better for the current Palme d'Or contest at Cannes, where *The Beguiled* is one of

just three films directed by women among the 19 competing for the Palme.

"We as women have to support female directors," Kidman said.

Kidman, a frequent sight on the Cannes 2017 red carpet as she appears in three films and one TV series premiering here, spoke on a stage surrounded by Coppola and by members of *The Beguiled*'s mostly female cast: Kirsten Dunst, Elle Fanning, Angourie Rice and Addison Riecke.

Also present was Colin Farrell, the film's male lead and virtually sole male presence, who joked about "being the token male — and if I'd said token female, then the debate would be open!"

But he backed up Kidman's call for better gender representation, lamenting the fact that *The Beguiled* is only the second film of the dozens he's made in his nearly 20-year showbiz career that was directed by a woman. (The other was Liv Ullmann's *Miss Julie* in 2014.)

The Beguiled aims to improve the situation a bit by offering a woman's take on a classic film previously shot from a male perspective: Don Siegel's 1971 original, starring Clint Eastwood in the role of a wounded Union soldier during the Civil War who finds both refuge and intrigue at a Southern all-girls school. Farrell has Eastwood's role in the remake while Kidman plays the school's take-charge headmistress, a role previously played by Geraldine Page.



Nicole Kidman's new movie, *The Beguiled*, offers a woman's take on a classic and has a mostly female cast. GETTY IMAGES



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In *Baywatch*, villainous Victoria Leeds (Priyanka Chopra), a club owner whose ambitions for Emerald Bay include some very sinister side activities. FRANK MASI/PARAMOUNT PICTURES VIA AP

Even The Rock's biceps can't lift up Baywatch

MOVIES

Lacklustre comedy falls mostly flat

Of this, dear moviegoer, rest assured: Dwayne Johnson's biceps still ripple and glisten in the sunlight. So do his triceps, pecs, abs, delts, quads, lats and the other 600 or so muscles of the human body.

And that charismatic, multi-million dollar grin? Still there, too. But the dude isn't a magician. And only a true magician could find a way to make something light and fun and fresh out of the unwieldy, derivative and mostly unfunny endeavour that is *Baywatch*.

Now, maybe the filmmakers weren't thinking light and fun and fresh. They opted to make an R-rated film, upping the raunch factor of the '90s TV series starring David Hasselhoff and a slo-mo running Pamela Anderson. But the R rating doesn't mean

they've gone all dark and deep; it just seems to mean lots of raunchy language, humping gags and extended crotch shots. That last category includes a centerpiece scene in which our two leading men, Johnson and Zac Efron, play around with a penis on a corpse in a morgue. Yes, that's actually what they do.

Let's try to wipe that image out of our brains now, shall we? *Baywatch*, directed by Seth Gordon, begins by establishing the heart and brawn of our main guy, Mitch Buchannon, leader of the Baywatch squad and hometown hero. We see him hurtling into the water to save a kitesurfer from certain death. Running along the beach, he ducks into a basketball game to expertly block a shot. He passes an adoring beachgoer building an elaborate sand sculpture of him.

But his PR-obsessed boss needs to embellish the *Baywatch* brand, so he brings in a new guy - Matt Brody (Efron), a gold-medal Olympic swimmer who has a bit of an attitude problem (any

resemblance to Ryan Lochte, including mouth grill, is totally intentional.) It seems that after a night of drinking at the Olympics, Brody vomited in the pool and ruined his team's chance to win the relay. He may not be a team player, but he IS ripped, and so, after Brody shows up on his motorcycle looking all James Dean, shirts come off and we get our obligatory macho competition, which includes lifting two refrigerators at once. "This has nothing to do with saving people!" complains Brody. Mitch grunts back: "This is *Baywatch*!"

In any case, Brody joins the squad, which includes sexy blonde CJ (Kelly Rohrbach, running slowly), ambitious Summer (Alexandra Daddario), Mitch's co-leader Stephanie (Ilfenesh Hadera), and Ronnie (Jon Bass), chubby and awkward, in the young Jonah Hill role.

Now, if you never saw the TV show, a key point of the plot - though plot is definitely NOT key - is that these lifeguards don't just save kids in deep waters. They're

also crime-solvers. So when a city councilman ends up dead in a boat fire, they figure out pretty fast that he was murdered.

But why? Could this have anything to do with villainous Victoria Leeds (Priyanka Chopra), a club owner whose ambitions for Emerald Bay include some very sinister side activities? And can the squad manage to solve the case and stay alive?

It eventually gets wearisome, despite the best efforts of Efron and especially Johnson, who can enliven any scene. His disdainful mocking of Efron's character is one of the more amusing themes, especially the nicknames he uses: "Hey, One Direction." "Yo, 'N Sync." Best of all: "High School Musical."

But darned if that quick reference to Efron's breakout franchise doesn't make you all nostalgic for some old-fashioned entertainment that didn't rely on F-bombs, crude anatomical references, or toying with a corpse. (Sorry to bring that up again, but, UGH.) THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Revamp coming to The National

PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Multiple hosts may replace the retiring Mansbridge

As Peter Mansbridge prepares to bid farewell to *The National*, the CBC's flagship news program is looking to possibly enlist multiple hosts for the anchor desk.

"We want it to be a show around active journalists," Jennifer McGuire, general manager and editor-in-chief of CBC News, said in an interview.

"We want the hosts of the

show to be able to do field-based work too, and that will be more manageable with more than one (person) in terms of how the show works."

McGuire said they are scouting for candidates within and outside of the public broadcaster to take over for Mansbridge, who plans to step down after July 1. Mansbridge's career has spanned nearly five decades, including 28 years at the helm of *The National* as anchor and chief correspondent.

A full revamp of *The National* is slated to debut in mid-October.

"It will be a new format, it

will be a new set, it will be new graphics - the whole feel," said McGuire.

McGuire said the broadcaster is in the process of determining which elements of the existing show will work with the new concept. The new *National* will likely have fewer stories and a greater focus on depth of coverage, she noted.

The *National* managing editor Steve Ladurantaye was recently reassigned after what the CBC called "an inappropriate, insensitive and frankly unacceptable tweet" he made as part of a controversial debate over cultural appropriation.

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Widow pens letter to late Chris Cornell

IN MEMORY

Message of support comes days after the star's death

Chris Cornell's widow has penned a letter addressed to the late Soundgarden frontman days after he took his own life. Vicky Cornell writes in the note published online by Billboard on Wednesday that she's sorry she didn't "see what happened to you that night." Cornell was pronounced dead on May 18 after being found unresponsive in his Detroit hotel room.

"I'm sorry you were alone, and I know that was not you, my sweet Christopher. Your children know that too, so you can rest in peace," she wrote.

The Wayne County medical examiner's office said the 52-year-old Cornell hanged himself. A full autopsy and results of toxicology tests are pending, and Vicky Cornell



Chris (left) and Vicky Cornell. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

has said the singer may have taken more of an anti-anxiety drug than he was prescribed.

"I'm broken, but I will stand up for you and I will take care of our beautiful babies. I will think of you every minute of every day and I will fight for you," Vicky Cornell wrote. "You were right when you said we are soulmates. It has been said that

paths that have crossed will cross again, and I know that you will come find me, and I will be here waiting."

Cornell's funeral is set for Friday in Los Angeles at Hollywood Forever Cemetery in a private service. His body was transported to Los Angeles earlier this week.

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Gossip DIGEST

BODY IMAGE Hyland responds to social media criticism

Modern Family star Sarah Hyland says her skinny appearance lately is due to a medical condition.

The 26-year-old says in a social media post that critics have accused her of promoting anorexia in pictures she's posted.

Hyland says she has "basically been on bed rest for the past few months." Hyland told Seventeen magazine that she received a kidney from her father.

Hyland stars as Lisa Houseman in ABC's TV movie remake of Dirty Dancing. AP

TRAGEDY Grande manager offers support

Ariana Grande's manager says he plans to honour those killed by the bombing after her concert with "love and joy and life."

Scooter Braun wrote on

SARAH HYLAND, ARIANA GRANDE AND MUCH MUSIC

Twitter that "the wish of terrorism is to take away that feeling of freedom and joy." Braun says that can't be allowed and "fear cannot rule the day."

A suicide bomber killed 22 people during the attack outside the arena in Manchester, England, just after Grande's show ended Monday. Grande tweeted that she was "broken" after the bombing. AP



AWARDS Alessia Cara, Joe Jonas, to host video awards

Canadian vocal powerhouse Alessia Cara is pairing with Joe Jonas to host this year's iHeartRadio Much Music Video Awards.

The Brampton, Ont.-raised singer is making her debut as an awards show host.

The televised street party in Toronto is set to

feature performances by Jonas and his band DNCE, Lorde, Imagine Dragons and solo artist Julia Michaels. CP



CANNES VR plunges viewers into desperate migrants' lives

Carne y Arena (Flesh and Sand), a next-level virtual reality installation at the Cannes Film Festival by Mexican director Alejandro González Iñárritu and cinematographer Emmanuel Lubeski, Oscar winners both, who want to give people an idea of what it really feels like to be a person so desperate to start a new life in America, they're willing to risk their lives to get in. The installation is in a hang-



ar in a small airport, about a 20-minute drive along the Riviera waterfront from the centre of Cannes. It is premiering at Cannes as the first-ever VR pick for the festival's Official Selection. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Gossip DIGEST

AN OLYMPIC GYMNAST AND A PLAYBOY MODEL

1 Aly Raisman calls out airport worker for 'muscles' comment

Three-time Olympic gold medalist Aly Raisman is calling out an airport security worker who she says questioned whether she had enough muscles to be a gymnast.

Raisman posted on Twitter on Wednesday that after a female Transportation Security Administration worker said she recognized Raisman by her biceps, a male employee said, "I don't see any muscles." Raisman called the encounter "rude & uncomfortable."

Raisman, who turned 23 Thursday, says she works "very hard to be healthy & fit." She says that if a man can't compliment a girl's muscles, he's sexist.

Raisman didn't say where or when the airport exchange took place.

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2 Playmate pleads no contest for online body shaming

Dani Mathers earned fame

posing as a nude model. She gained notoriety on the other side of the camera when she snapped a photo of an unwitting and unwilling subject — a naked 71-year-old woman in a gym locker room.

Mathers, 30, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor invasion of privacy in Los Angeles County Superior Court for the so-called body shaming case. Although she didn't admit guilt, the plea is recorded as a conviction.

The victim, who was not in court, was humiliated by the cruel act, prosecutors said. "Body shaming can devastate its subject," Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer said. "People are mocked, they're humiliated and in ways they can never fully get back."

Mathers, a petite blonde, had apologized for taking the photo at an LA Fitness club in July and posting it on Snapchat with the caption: "If I can't unsee this then you can't either."

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The Grads were declared world champions a year later after defeating the Cleveland Favorite Kits. Doubtless they would have won gold had women's basketball been recognized by the Olympic committee, something that didn't happen until 1976.

World War II and a lack of competition finally put an end to the Grads in 1940. A Heritage Minute dedicated to the Grads was recently released to coincide with International Women's Day, and basketball inventor Dr. James Naismith called them "the finest basketball team that ever stepped out on a floor."



Kay MacBeth, who joined the Edmonton Grads at age 17, was part of a sports dynasty that won more often than any other team in North American history. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE PHOTO

Tax-funded nightmares

David Cronenberg made a big red splash with his movie debut *Shivers* (1975).

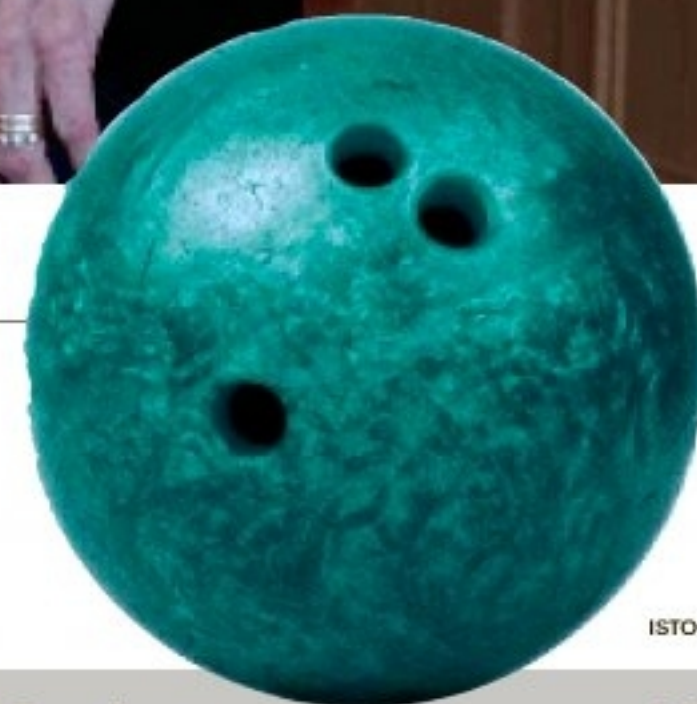
The low-budget horror film, about high-rise residents turned sex crazy by infectious parasites, was financed by a tax system that saw businesses get big write-offs for investing in Canadian cinema.

Critics called the move "sadistic," but *Shivers* was a springboard for Cronenberg, whose films have scared the pants off us ever since.

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Xmas with mummers

HOLIDAYS

Strange Newfoundland tradition is a scream

Sean Plummer

Christmas is a time with mom. In Newfoundland and Labrador, it's also spent with mummers.

The strange tradition of mummering (also known as "mumming" or "jannying") was likely brought to Canada's eastern shore by im-

migrants from Great Britain.

Mummers wear masks — often with the horns, skins, and tails of caribou, seals, goats and sheep — and ask their neighbours to guess who they are. Guess the mummer and your guest is obliged to take off their disguise.

Some mummers bring musical instruments to entertain their hosts, and they leave when the grog is gone.

Mummers in St. John's used to parade through town during the 12 days of Christmas, but the rowdy practice, often fueled by alcohol, was outlawed in 1861.

Mummering continues sporadically today, mostly in rural communities.



Participants in St. John's Mummers Festival in November. The parade celebrates the old tradition of mummering. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE PHOTO

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1 Palm Island

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Petit St. Vincent

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2 Young Island

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Hop on a catamaran to head to the remote Tobago Cays, a protected wildlife reserve of five islets bordered by a giant horseshoe reef. Slipping into the warm turquoise waters is like touring a sea turtle sanctuary — I swim by at least 15 shelled beauties. And though I've snorkelled my fair share, it's the first time I've got to hold a sea urchin and starfish. Details: tobagocays.org

The author's trip was sponsored by the St. Vincent and the Grenadines tourism board, which didn't review or approve this story.

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Meet history-makers during tours of B.C.'s legislature

Mary Ellen Smith appears unannounced at the chamber gates and recounts the historic moment in 1918 when she rose to speak in the legislature as British Columbia's first elected female provincial politician.

"My heart was beating so loudly in my ears I could hardly hear myself think," says actor Madeleine Humeny, wearing a period costume featuring a long, dark dress and bonnet during a free guided tour of the iconic political building that dominates the landscape of Victoria's Inner Harbour.

"We were just the right women at just the right time and in just the right place," says Humeny, who remains in character to explain Mary Ellen Smith's pivotal role in leading



Tours recount the history made here. THE CANADIAN PRESS

the struggle for women's rights in B.C., and ultimately the right to vote in 1917.

Actors playing five prominent personalities from B.C.'s past are brought back to life to highlight the historical characters and events that helped shape and define the province. The actors are dressed in turn-of-the-century costumes and interact

with visitors on the legislature grounds while delivering historically accurate monologues.

Other characters are Her Majesty Queen Victoria; Francis Mawson Rattenbury, the legislature's architect; Thomas Uphill, the longest serving MLA in B.C.'s history; and Amor De Cosmos, B.C.'s second premier.

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New Zealand cricket player Doug Bracewell on DUI offence: I was rushing home to console my distraught girlfriend over dead pet parrot

IN BRIEF

LeBron carries Cavaliers back to NBA Finals

LeBron James scored 35 points and passed Michael Jordan to become the NBA's all-time playoff scoring leader as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Boston Celtics 135-102 on Thursday night to claim their third straight Eastern Conference title and a return trip to the NBA Finals.

Cleveland's 4-1 series win gives it a 12-1 record this post-season and sets up a third consecutive matchup with Western Conference champion Golden State.

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Raps score draft pick from Magic for GM's release

The Toronto Raptors acquired a future second-round draft pick from the Orlando Magic on Thursday in exchange for the contractual release of general manager Jeff Weltman.

The Magic named Weltman as president of basketball operations Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ronaldo could face tax-fraud charges in Spain

Spanish prosecutors are considering whether Cristiano Ronaldo should face charges over allegations by the country's tax agency that he defrauded the authorities of 15 million euros between 2011 and 2014.

The alleged irregularities were mostly related to money that Ronaldo had in the Virgin Islands.

Barcelona's Lionel Messi was convicted of tax fraud last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A growing Swede tooth

2017 NHL PLAYOFFS STANLEY CUP FINAL

Players from Scandinavian nation having a bigger impact

Filip Forsberg is having quite the spring for the Nashville Predators, setting franchise records with his eight goals and 15 points. He's tied the team mark with at least a point in seven straight games.

Pontus Aberg scored the game-winning goal to put Nashville up 3-2 in the Western Conference final, while defenceman Mattias Ekholm has been smothering top lines all post-season. Viktor Arvidsson has 10 points, and his plus-13 rating ties him with Anaheim's Rickard Rakell for second-best this post-season — behind Forsberg (plus-17).

All five of these players are Swedish. It has been a sweet post-season for players from a nation whose players once were derided for being soft and not able to handle the rigours of the NHL. In all, general manager David Poile has six Swedes on Nashville's playoff roster as the Predators reached the Stanley Cup final for the first time in their 19-year history.

"I must admit we haven't gone out of the way necessarily to get them to this point, but I'm thinking maybe we should," Poile said. "They've certainly been key parts of our team."

1,349

Mats Sundin is the all-time leading scorer among Swedes in the NHL with 1,349 points.



Viktor Arvidsson, left, and Filip Forsberg are two of six Predators from Sweden.

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The Predators have lots of company in mining Sweden for talent. Defenceman Erik Karlsson is one of four Swedes playing for Ottawa in the Eastern Conference final, while former Nashville forward Patrik Hornqvist is one of three for the



GETTY IMAGES

Pittsburgh Penguins. A check of NHL rosters shows 79 skaters and 10 goalies from Sweden played during the regular season, with 40 appearing in at least one playoff game.

Anaheim coach Randy Carlyle said Sweden has become a hockey power for a small country. Teammates with Borje Salming and

Inge Hammarstrom in 1976 in Toronto, Carlyle saw the abuse directed at both.

"That was a little bit more barbaric or archaic times of hockey," Carlyle said. "But that's how much the game has grown, and it has become a world-class game. And these players are world-class players and now you're looking at their contribution and the numbers that are in the NHL, it's all a tribute back to those two players."

Pittsburgh forward Carl Hagelin said Thursday that it's a very

+ EAST FINAL

Penguins shed Senators in double overtime

The Pittsburgh Penguins are headed back to the Stanley Cup final.

Chris Kunitz scored in double overtime to lift Pittsburgh over the Ottawa Senators 3-2 in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference final.

Ottawa's Ryan Dzingel tied the game 2-2 with 5:19 left to play in the third period.

The Penguins beat the San Jose Sharks last year to win the franchise's fourth Stanley Cup.

Pittsburgh will face the Nashville Predators for the Stanley Cup starting on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

good time to be a Swedish hockey player, noting Sweden beat Canada 2-1 in a shootout Sunday night for the world hockey championship. Each NHL team seems have two or three Swedes on the roster.

Yes, they do keep track of their countrymen during the regular season. In the playoffs, all friendships are put aside.

"In the playoffs, you just play to win games," Hagelin said.

Having a Swedish teammate in the NHL means being able to relax and talk with each other in the same language. It's also a little easier to get tips on what to do and not do to ensure a long stay in the league.

"Everybody wants to play here, and everybody wants to make the best out of it if you ever get the chance," Rakell said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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2. Cook the patties on the grill or in a frying pan over medium heat for about 10 minutes, flipping once, and then cook for another 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from the grill or frying pan when the patties have an internal temperature of 180 F.

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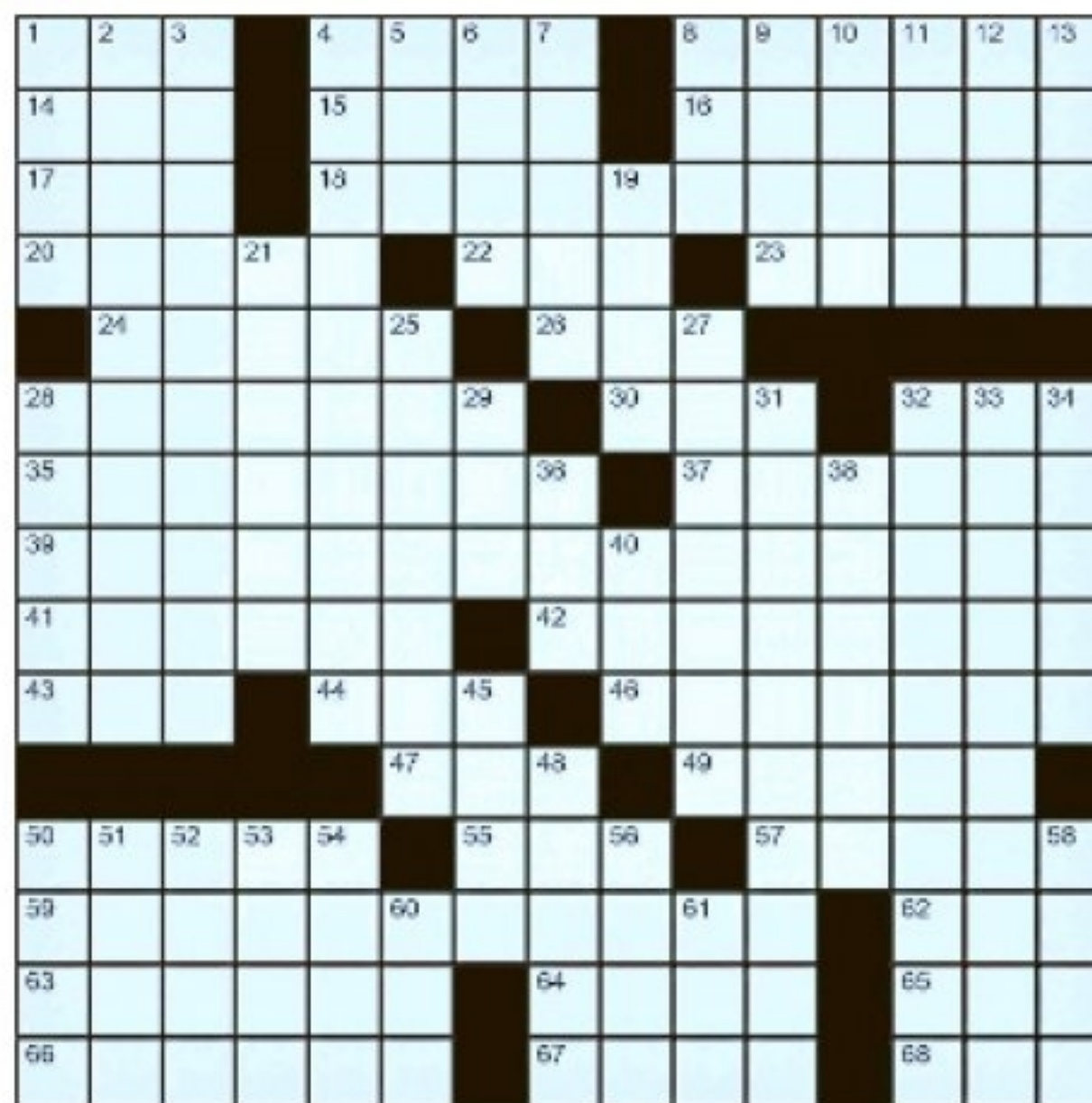
- 1 lb. ground lean turkey meat
- 1/4 cup finely diced onion (or sometimes I drop the onion in my food processor and process it so it's more a paste so little ones don't want to pick it out of their burgers)
- 1/2 cup finely diced
- Gruyere cheese
- 3 Tbsp herbes de Provence

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ACROSS

- Electrical resistance unit
- Bunch
- Gobbled
- Scottish veto
- Farm song bit: "Here __, there..."
- Ancient Olympic deity
- Craft
- Make a soccer move: 3 wds.
- Country singer Mr. Adkins
- Italy's l'il locale
- Thicket
- "__ potential" (Shopper's observation)
- Glove compartment item
- Hand-gestured peace signs and some sweater necklines
- Tangle
- Nero's 151
- Home's not-many-walls layout
- One working with saws and wrenches, say
- Canada's longest spelunking attraction, located in Banff National Park: 2 wds.
- Ascended
- Baseball... Reaches home plate like this: 2 wds.
- Novels, e.g.
- Cul-de-__
- 'Season with salt as you like': 2 wds.
- Wknd. day
- Alias for Patty Hearst in the SLA
- Music producer Mr. Lange's



- On, as a candle
- Attics
- "That's the Way It Is" bit by Celine Dion: "It's an __ and I'm feeling sorry..."
- Sundial number
- Coin of Canada
- Missing-a-member quartet
- Last day in May, e.g.
- Spellbound
- Chair
- Genetic letters

DOWN

- Go __ great length

- Ontario: Urban green space in London: 2 wds.
- Transposition in words, such as 'cavalry' and 'calvary'
- What Newfoundland fruits 'cloudberries' are also called
- Record co.

- Viva __ (Word-of-mouth)
- Li'l Abner's surname
- Crying sound
- International oil gr.
- "Rio __" (1970)
- Brouhaha
- Extensions

- Canned fruit name
- British streetcar
- Makes monk music
- Singer Ms. Gomez's
- Nationalist
- Knowledge of words, for short
- Wilt
- Jillian Harris' co-host on "Love It or List It Vancouver": 2 wds.
- Newspaper section, with Ads
- Demon-exhibited talent during an exorcism
- Actress Ms. Dunne
- Greek alphabet letters
- __ Pacifico (Ecuador's body of water)
- Mountain stat.
- Advanced math course, briefly
- Inclines
- TV clicker button
- Knowledgeable: 2 wds.
- Norse thunder god
- Ms. Louise of "Gilligan's Island"
- Fall
- Bike part
- Earth's crust layer
- Authorize
- Ms. Farrow

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a positive day! You're full of mental energy and enthusiasm. All of your relationships with others will be upbeat and energetic.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is an excellent day for business and commerce. Look for ways to boost your income or make intelligent decisions about how you earn your money. You might shop till you drop today!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a strong day for you. Both the Sun and the Moon are in your sign, and the Moon is dancing with Mars and Venus. This energizes you in a wonderful way.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Even though you are working behind the scenes today, you will be charming with bosses, parents and others. It's quite likely that someone will seek your advice about how to make something look better.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Travel for pleasure will please you today. A friend or member of a group might help you make this dream come true.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You are high-viz at this time, because the Sun is at the top of your chart. Plus, your ambition is aroused! This is an excellent day to discuss shared property and inheritances.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Discussions about politics, religion and racial issues will be lively and intelligent today. You have focus, and you know what you want to achieve.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you are involved in disputes about inheritances or shared property, you will defend your own best interests and the interests of others with vigor. There is no moss growing on you!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Conversations with partners and close friends are lively today. Get out and enjoy yourself. Social situations, sports events and playful activities with children will appeal to you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a strong day at work because you have energy and focus. Expect to accomplish a lot. You also might entertain or redecorate at home. Busy you!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a flirtatious, prankish and playful day. Enjoy all social outings. Make plans to have fun with someone you like.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a good day for a family meeting or discussion. Big changes are taking place at home, and today you can direct these changes the way you want.

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